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Application of:) MAGNETIC DATA ERASER AND
Tomoaki Ito) METHOD FOR ERASING MAGNETIC
Ser. No.: 10/569,768) DATA
Filed: 2/24/06)

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Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The art listed on the attached was brought to the attention of Applicant in separate Offers of Information made by a third party in an application related to the Japanese counterpart to the above application.

Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

It is believed that the claims pending in the above application are allowable over the cited references.

Respectfully submitted,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,959,824	9/99	Schultz et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
							YES
	AB	3083683		Japan (corres. to U.S. 2003/21052)			
	AC	5-250606		Japan (corres. to U.S. 5,198,959)			
	AD	60-76006		Japan (corres. to EP 142238)			
	AE	5-260495		Japan			
	AF	2-132604		Japan (corres. to U.S. 5,270,899)			
	AG	61-170904		Japan			
	AH	WO98/49674		PCT			
	AI	3088608		Japan (Corres. to US2005/141118)			

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AJ		The Nikkei Business Daily, January 7, 2002
AK		Pages from websites (April 11 and 12, 2002)
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